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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director/Intelligence

SUBJECT: Special Warfare Area Handbooks
under Army contract

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1. We have investigated beyond the earlier information supplied by External Research and now find that Army is continuing to have these Handbooks published under contract, the only difference being in effect that SORO (Special Operations Research Office) at American University has replaced HRAF as the producer. For all practical purposes the current and old series of Handbooks are identical.

2. According to the latest External Research issue of Government Sponsored Research on Foreign Areas the Army contract for SORO production of these Area Handbooks totals \$400,000 for FY60. SORO has additional contract funds for research/publications other than the Handbooks. We still do not know who assigns the \$7 printed type of HRAF Handbook I sent you.

3. Previous comments about the Handbooks vis-a-vis the NIS still hold, i.e., that the matter of some duplicative content may be less significant than question as to whether the Handbooks have a sufficiently unique Army value to warrant the cost of publishing considerably duplicative content and of duplicative researching of sources. A fact bearing on the problem of making an issue of the matter is the fact that the Handbooks contract is not an ACSI one but is stated to be with Special Warfare Division, Director of Plans, DCSOPS -- an operational rather than an Intelligence component.


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